



Holy Cross Catholic Parish

Mission Statement: Twinning with St. Patrick's Parish

Rooted in the community of Gordon Head and the University, in communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Cross Parish serves the people of God by sharing, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY October 11, 2020 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we learned nothing else this year, it is that circumstances change. Covid has stopped us from the routine of our lives! It reminds us of historical truths...civilizations come and go and time changes everything! Societies come together and shatter apart. Wellness comes and goes. Markets rise and fall, and politicians will rise and fall. War and peace exchange places. People climb up and down the ladder of success. What does tomorrow hold for us? What is there to hope for? Our imagination projects into the future...when will Covid end? In these pandemic times, today's Scriptures invite us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God.

Perhaps our predecessors in the faith had a stronger sense of the afterlife than we have today. Like Saint Paul, they believed that history is in God's hands and that divine justice will have the last say. Difficulties in one's present life could then be seen as growth-pains, or as a means of purifying the spirit from selfishness and sin. Paul – and many other men and women of faith – could be inwardly at peace, no matter how hard the circumstances in which they found themselves. We can “do all things in Him who strengthens us,” if we hold on to the hope of everlasting life. We need to say these words too.... we can “do all things in Him who strengthens us,” Jesus emphasizes that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways in order to fill his house with guests.

It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future. Thanksgiving is, perhaps, more than any other day, a day of memory. In this time of harvest, we have much to be thankful for and in the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful—though we do not always focus on them. And so, we come to give thanks, so that we might be transformed. We celebrate a feast of Thanksgiving to remind us of the importance of approaching every day with gratitude, of receiving everything as gift.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I also want to thank the hardworking members of our Diocesan Appeal Committee, and as we look towards the Horizon of Hope campaign I pray we will be generous as we endeavor to build Christian community in these pandemic days.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Father William



OFFICE HOURS

Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed
Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am—2:30pm
Thursday/Friday: 9am—2:00pm

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HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CALLS: If you or someone you love is admitted to hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager **250-889-3761** and ask for **Fr. Sean Flynn** to make this request.

OUR VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Father William has created a **YouTube** page and a **Facebook** page for the combined St. Patrick's and Holy Cross families! Please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPatsHolyCross/>
Like and follow the page and please do send photos of the church for posting!

Live Mass broadcast this Saturday! Mass will be broadcast from **Holy Cross Parish on Saturday, October 10th at 4pm on the YouTube page.**

Click the link here: <http://www.youtube.com/c/StPatricksHolyCrossChurch>

SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

There are two virtual screenings left of the 2019 documentary, **19 and Homeless**, on **October 16 and 23, at 7 pm**. This powerful film captures two years in the lives of 8 former foster youth in Vancouver and Victoria, as they age out of care and transition into adulthood. Register here for a free ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/19-homeless-documentary-virtual-screening-tickets-123060843295>

ANAWIM HOUSE -THANK YOU

Feeding the Community

Within the week that we put out the request for food donations the response from has been overwhelming, reminding us again how generous and loving the Holy Cross community is. The people who live, work and volunteer at Aanwim House, and the countless people they serve are so thankful for all the contributions that have come in this past week.

Over the course of the next few fall and winter months we will continue to accept donations through Holy Cross for non-perishable/canned food, warm winter socks, men's underwear, and warm clothing. In the meantime, we wanted to express our sincerest gratitude for your generosity. Thank you!

CONDOLENCES

This week we learned that sad news that one of our longtime St. Patrick's/Holy Cross parishioners, Nestor Acebedo, passed away. Nestor and his family were well known in our parish community and volunteer in many parts of our parish life. Nestor was also a part of the large mural in the back of the church, and his image can be seen painted there walking up the mountain to meet Christ.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Filipinas, and the rest of his family and friends who loved him dearly and will miss him acutely. Rest in Peace Nestor.

LIBRARY CORNER

In these days of pandemic concern that are heightened by the re-opening of schools, a Covid 19 resurgence, reduced mobility, forest fires, and elections, the Franciscan priest **Fr Richard Rohr** gives us some Jewish and Irish wisdom to encourage a steadfast spirit

<https://email.cac.org/t/ViewEmail/d/13BBF5B2B60C4C702540EF23F30FEDED/9549BB9789F9E94D4AB3169DA1FD82E9>



PRAYER REFLECTION

I looked into my deepest wound and was dazzled by your glory.
—Saint Augustine
How can we profess faith in God’s word, and then refuse to let it inspire and direct our thinking, our activity, our decisions, and our responsibilities toward one another? Faith is always demanding, because faith leads us beyond ourselves.
—Pope John Paul II

A NOTE FROM THE DIOCESE

To access the live stream link from the Diocese of Victoria website simply google: **Diocese of Victoria** or go to www.rcdvictoria.org/diocese-of-victoria-live-stream.

SUNDAY 10 AM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 7 PM

DIOCESAN BLOG: The month of October is traditionally known as a “Marian month”, and today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please find below the link to the latest Diocesan Blog, which features Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Langford. We continue to pray that our Blessed Mother will intercede for us during these challenging times.
<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/our-lady-of-the-rosary>



Horizon of Hope – 2020 Bishop’s Appeal: Kickoff Week – October 10-16

This week we kick off the Bishop’s Appeal along with all other parishes and missions throughout our Diocese. The 2020 Appeal, *Horizon of Hope*, encourages us to look for hope in our current global circumstances. Through your generosity we can ensure that all parishes in our Diocese are able to provide and nourish every soul with the life giving word of God. Please consider pledging to this worthwhile endeavor.

Our Parish goal: \$65,000
Our Parish project this year: Supporting the North Island parishes.
To view Fr. William’s video: <https://youtu.be/KvWvij2zgTA>
To view the Bishop’s video: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/horizonofhope2020>

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE:

SATURDAY, October 10th
2:30-3:15pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**
SUNDAY, October 11th
9:00am Mass: **Mary Finn +**
MONDAY, October 12th
Office Closed/No Mass

TUESDAY, October 13th
9:00 am Mass: **Mr. Kim Marshall +**

WEDNESDAY, October 14th
9:00am Mass: **Jose Pacheco +**
7:00pm Mass: **No Intention**

THURSDAY, October 15th
9:00am Mass: **Deceased members of the Sangster-Gormley families**

FRIDAY, October 16th
9:00 am Mass: **Dr. John Calder +**

At Holy Cross Parish you must now register for which day of the week you would like to attend Mass. You can register by emailing Joanie Bidlake at:
officeassistant@holycrossvictoria.org

Our Mass schedule remains the same for now:

Tuesday – Friday: 9am Mass
Wednesday: 7pm
Saturday: 4pm Mass (full)
Sunday: 9am Mass (full)

*please note that you may select a Mass time from St. Patrick’s Parish Mass schedule. To do this please call Deborah Mackay at St. Pat’s at:
250-592-7391.



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COLLECTION for October 4, 2020
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THESE GIFTS:

Envelopes/Canada Helps	\$ 4, 485.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	\$ 1,372.00
TOTAL	\$ 5, 857.00